



PHS Student Ambassadors

Date: March 23, 2022

Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Location: PHS Library Conference Room

Representatives: Bob Maxwell, Courtney Hodge, Juston Pollestad, Tianyi Chen, Christopher Infranco, Dominic-Leonard Heidenreich, Jenica Thapa, Marissa Carper, Audrey Tan, Cecilia Hellmann

Meeting Topics:

- **Lunch**
- **Discussion: *Status update on action plans***
 - Increase student feedback
 - **Action** (2.9.22): Ask teachers to post the Ambassador survey to Google Classrooms, put QR code on brown bag meals and flyers for the cafeteria tables, put on screens in the commons, social media, and on the website.
 - **No update** (3.23.22): *In progress*
 - **Action** (2.9.22): Incentivizing feedback from students may help increase student feedback.
 - **No update** (3.23.22): *In progress*
 - Engage ASB to gather student feedback during “homeroom” type time.
 - **UPDATE:** Items to address from student survey to students
 - Specifics on what concerns that students have with how the school is handling COVID-19.
 - Students have done a great job accepting the choice that other students make about wearing or not wearing a mask.
 - Additional messaging to staff around what the protocols are for students that are not complying with masking rules.
 - **Completed.** Masks are now optional in all PSD buildings.
 - Increase in more diverse literature.
 - [Ongoing] The English department is working to incorporate more diverse literature that is appropriate for PHS. The English department will be working this spring and summer for next year’s classes.
 - Update (2.9.22): English department have submitted 4 diverse texts to include as supplemental text for next year to give students more

diverse options. Department is hoping to have students read and provide feedback.

- Update: Connecting students to mental health resources and raise awareness
 - Have an upcoming opportunity with Dr. Viergutz. Dr. Viergutz is working with families to raise awareness and get more resources out to students.
 - **Greyhounds Minds Matter:** offer more opportunities to share resources/do activities at lunch. A monthly newsletter for students may be a great way to raise awareness.
 - **School Counselors:** Is there a way to better share out counselor schedules to make them more accessible. The most confidential and quickest way for students to handle meetings with counselors is via email. Find ways for counselors to build better relationships and form connections with students. Find more opportunities for counselors to interact with students.
 - Incorporate ways for students to show support for mental health awareness (i.e. wearing a colored shirt)
 - Invite school counselor to ambassador meetings.

- Meals at PHS:
 - **Action** (2.9.22): Ingredient list for meals – still working on this item.
 - **No update.**
 - Working on ways to allow for more traffic to move freely through the commons.
 - Create a space to save and reuse brown bags from meals.

- **UPDATE:** Sustainability at PHS
 - Decrease food waste
 - **Action** (2.9.22): Need to bring some organization to the disposal of food waste at PHS. May need to add another station for students to throw away food, stack trays, and put silverware away. Incorporate visual reminders.
 - PHS Environmental Club is working with district Sustainability Committee to bring composting to PHS.
 - WSU is willing to take PSD compost into their program.
 - **Action** (2.9.22): Add Announcements/visual reminders on trash cans for students to double check trays and be sure they aren't throwing away utensils, trays, etc....
 - Ideas

- Put trash cans all in one area to be able to monitor.
 - Incorporate composting.
 - Engage students in monitoring the disposal areas.
 - Decrease use of disposable/plastic utensils
 - **Action** (2.9.22): Look at cost for switching to compostable utensils.
 - Partner with WSU – bike rentals
 - **Action** (2.9.22): Need to survey students to see if there is interest.
 - **Action** (2.9.22): Dr. Maxwell will work to find more information about the WSU bike contracts.
 - WSU is working on new contract for eBikes. Dr. Maxwell is working on the possibility of the district partnering with WSU/UI on their eBike contract.
 - The Environmental Club is working on projects that promote sustainability at PHS.
 - Update: PHS Environmental Club provided an update to the Sustainability Committee.
- **UPDATE:** Big Stairs Visual Reminders – Ambassadors working with ASB.
 - *Due to time, this may be a project for next year.*

➤ **DISCUSSION: Cell Phones**

- Need more consistency around the expectation of where student cellphones are during class time. Ambassadors shared out some possible approaches to setting rules/boundaries.
- Incorporate set rules/boundaries to create common expectations. Need to find a middle ground and students may respond better to a more transparent approach.
- Chromebooks are a resource for students to use for school purposes.
- Phones should not be taken into the restroom.

➤ **UPDATE: Student Equity Panel**

- Mr. Pollestad provided some background on the panel from last year. Looking to conduct another panel this year to see how things have changed in a year from the student's perspective. Looking at May 2022 for the panel.
- Applied for Regional Award with NEWESD 101.
- Student volunteers – 6-8 needed along with a student moderator. Interested students should reach out to Mr. Pollestad.
- Questions are provided and the panel is filmed to share with the community.

- WSU podcast with Dr. Maxwell on the topic of race and diversity – if any students are interested they should reach out to Dr. Maxwell.

➤ **UPDATE:** Presentation to School Board

- **Due: May 25, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting**
- UPDATE from Ambassadors – Questions?
- Presentation should include:
 - Recommendations for future ambassador groups.
 - Highlights from student surveys.
 - Highlights on what was worked on/implemented this school year.

Future Topics:

- High priority items:
 - Composting at PHS. WSU meet with Environmental Club.
 - QR codes on brown bags to get more student feedback.
 - Jenica will work with Mrs. Thompson.
 - Space to put brown bags to be reused.
 - Office staff can work on a bin.
- Status update on action plans
- Status update on School Board presentation

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20, 2022 from 12:00pm-1:30pm.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday May 18, 2022 – 12:00pm-1:30pm @ PHS Library

Mark Your Calendars!

PHS Student Ambassadors will present to the school board during the Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Committee Members:

Name	Representative
Bob Maxwell	Superintendent
Juston Pollestad	Pullman High School Principal
Courtney Hodge	Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Audrey Tan	9 th Grade Representative
Cecilia Hellmann	9 th Grade Representative
Lily Johnston	10 th Grade Representative

Tianyi Chen	10 th Grade Representative
Dominic-Leonard Heidenreich	11 th Grade Representative
Marissa Carper	11 th Grade Representative
Christopher Infranco	12 th Grade Representative
Jenica Thapa	12 th Grade Representative